

Today's Metal Prices

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

New York, Dec. 24.—Silver, 83 7-8; lead \$5.40; spelter not quoted; copper, strong, electrolytic \$21.25 @ \$22.00.

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OGDEN CITY, UTAH, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

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FORECAST: Utah: Fair and cold to night; Saturday generally fair; warmer in northwest portion.

Great Forces Are Concentrating In Balkan Country For Fight to Finish

GERMANS, BULGARS AND TURKS MASSING IN FRONT OF ALLIES

French Troops Range in Semi-circle Around Saloniki With Left Facing Greek Frontier and Right Connecting With British Forces—Germans Drive French Completely Out of Trenches on Northern Slope of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Peak—Russians Report Success in Galicia and Steady Advance in Persia—Bulgars Are Preparing to Invade Greece.

Paris, Dec. 24, 2:30 p. m.—A repulse of the Austrians is reported in an official Montenegro statement received here today as follows:

"The enemy on Wednesday violently bombarded the Mojkovac sector without result and attacked Touriak in the direction of Kozai-Berana, where he was repulsed with large loss.

"Towards Bielo we pursued the enemy as far as the village of Ivanja."

Turkish War Report.

Constantinople, Dec. 23, via London, Dec. 24, 8:27 a. m.—The Turkish office tonight gave out the following statement concerning the progress of hostilities:

"The situation on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) is unchanged.

"On the Caucasian front Russian detachments which attempted to approach us in the Milo sector were repulsed.

"On the Dardanelles five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit. At Seddul Bahr there was a violent artillery action on the right wing. A hostile air-craft was shot down at Birsheba."

Paris, Dec. 24, 9:55 a. m.—The battlefronts of both sides in the conflict in the Serbian theatre of war are given in a dispatch from the Saloniki correspondent of the Echo de Paris.

The correspondent states that sixty thousand Germans are massed around Monastir, with the Bulgars concentrated in the center of the Vardar valley and two Turkish divisions taking a position on the left of the Bulgars. The French are ranged in a semi-circle around Saloniki with their left on the Vardar center, facing the Greek frontier near Doiran, and their right connecting with the British troops defending Chalcidice.

French Driven From Trenches.

Berlin, Dec. 24, via London, 3:24 p. m.—The Germans have completely regained the position on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf in the Vosges region recently taken by the French. It was officially announced by army headquarters today. The French have been driven out of the trenches they still occupied on the northern slope of the peak. It is declared.

Today's statement follows:

"Western theater of the war: The enemy's artillery fire has been lively at certain points, especially in the Vosges.

"A nocturnal hand grenade attack against our positions on the heights northeast of Souain was easily repulsed.

"The position on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf has been completely regained. The French also were driven out of the trench section on the northern slope of the mountain.

"There is nothing to report on the eastern and Balkan theaters of the war."

Paris, Dec. 24, 2:30 p. m.—"There is nothing to add to the preceding communication" the war office announced this afternoon.

American Steamer Detained.

London, Dec. 21.—(Delayed by censor)—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Malta says that the American-Levant steamer Montana has been detained there.

Paris, Dec. 24, 5:20 a. m.—The Matin in an editorial today on the latest note to Austria-Hungary by the United States relative to the sinking of the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine says:

"The submarine commander having been declared not responsible, the government does not give full satisfaction. It must be treated as a murderer. This language can signify nothing less than a rupture of diplomatic relations unless America's demands are complied with."

Rome, Dec. 23, 10:15 p. m.—Prince Alexis Karageorgevitch of Serbia, a cousin of King Peter, has arrived here after an adventurous escape from Albania with his wife. The prince said what is left of the Serbian army has resumed contact with the Bulgarians east of El Baasan where fighting has been going on for three successive days.

King Peter went on horseback from Scutari to Tirana, the prince states, and then to Avlona, from which place he is watching the operations of his army, which is commanded by General Misitsch.

Review of War Situation.

London, Dec. 24, 11:34 a. m.—Many isolated engagements on various fronts have upset predictions of the universal Christmas truce. Nothing of great importance, however, has developed.

From Galicia the Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembolva where there has been an indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines. Although no activity is reported on the Mesopotamian front, the Russians are advancing steadily in Persia in an effort to link their forces with those of their British allies.

French Maintaining Front.

On Hartmanns-Weilerkopf the French claim to have maintained their gains on a front of one mile, but admit they left has been compelled to fall back.

The Germans assert they have retaken the lost ridge, with the capture of a large number of prisoners.

Bulgars to Invade Greece.

Special dispatches to London papers state that the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greek territory in an effort to expel the allies from Saloniki. The entente forces are engaged in strengthening their positions and express confidence that there is no immediate prospect of an offensive against them.

Parliament adjourned without receiving the figures concerning the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan, but on re-assembling after the holidays the members will have the facts in regard to the question whether conscription is necessary.

Austria to Settle With U. S.

A Vienna dispatch declares that in all quarters in the capital of the dual monarchy the conviction prevails that the differences with the United States over the Ancona incident are susceptible of an amicable adjustment.

The Amsterdam Telegraph declares that prominent members of the Socialist group from all the warring nations except Italy met at The Hague two days ago to consider the question of peace.

British war casualties totalled 528,227 up to December 9.

Henry Ford has left his peace ship and started for America, a Christiania dispatch says.

GRAND TOTAL OF BRITISH LOSSES

Premier Asquith Reports Casualties in All Theaters to December Ninth as 528,224.

London, Dec. 24, 12:09 p. m.—Replying to a written question by R. A. Molino, member of the house of commons, Premier Asquith today gave the total British casualties up to December Ninth as 528,227.

Detailed figures of the casualties as given by Premier Asquith, corrected the figures concerning losses at the Dardanelles given yesterday in the house of commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11 were given as 112,921, a smaller total than the premier gave today for the operations to December 9.

The casualties were distributed as follows:

Flanders and France:		Other	
Killed	Wounded	Officers	Ranks
4829	9943	24,359	52,685
Total officers and men, 387,988.			

Dardanelles:

Killed	Wounded	Missing	Other
Officers	Ranks	Officers	Ranks
1567	3028	1667	24,535
350	350	72,781	12,194
Total officers and men, 114,555.			

Other theatres:

Killed	Wounded	Missing	Other
Officers	Ranks	Officers	Ranks
817	694	10,548	10,953
100	100	2,518	
Total officers and men, 25,684.			

Grand total, 528,227.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS AGAINST WAR CREDIT

Paris, Dec. 24, 12 noon.—A Zurich dispatch says that the number of members of the reichstag who expressed opposition to the new war credit of ten billion marks adopted on Tuesday was larger than at first reported. According to this information, twenty Social-Democrats abstained from voting which, with the Socialists who voted in the negative, brings up the

ANCONA AFFAIR TO BE SETTLED

Differences Between United States and Austria-Hungary Expected to Be Amicably Adjusted.

EARLY REPLY FORECAST

Austrian and German Governments Both Willing to Do Utmost to Maintain Good Relations.

Vienna, Dec. 24, via London, 12:20 p. m.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States which rose from the Ancona incident, are susceptible to amicable settlement.

The Austrian-Hungarian reply to the latest Ancona note may be expected within a few days.

The second Ancona note from Washington is being studied here. Meanwhile the press is withholding comment. The remarks incident to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly in tone and all circles are convinced that the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

No inkling has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication to the United States, but in this connection, interest attaches itself to an article by Professor Henry Lammasche, one of the leading Austrian authorities on international law. Professor Lammasche, who is a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that, in view of the fact that there is a misunderstanding between the two nations, an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case, and the removal of the submarine incident. It is felt in certain quarters here that this procedure would offer the best chance of establishing the facts and thus placing the responsibility.

HEAVY FOG CAUSE OF BIG WRECK

Accommodation Train Crashes Into Passenger at Galena, Kansas—Fireman Killed and 28 Seriously Hurt.

Galena, Kan., Dec. 24.—John Bray, a fireman, was nearly killed and 28 passengers were injured early today when an accommodation train on the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad crashed into St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train No. 387, bound from St. Louis for Oklahoma points.

The Frisco train, 90 minutes late, was standing at the station here when the accident occurred. A heavy fog obscured the view of the accommodation which tore half way through the last sleeping coach of the Frisco train before it was brought to a standstill.

Fire Bray remained at his post and nearly lost his life in the crash. All of the injured were passengers on the Frisco train. Several are reported in a dangerous condition.

VIGOROUS ATTACK MADE ON WILSON

Volks Zeitung Sees Nothing But Petty Politics as Motive of Second Ancona Note.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Via London, 11:49 a. m.—In commenting on the second American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the Ancona incident, the Volks Zeitung of Cologne, Germany, makes a vigorous attack on President Wilson. It says the president will let slip no opportunity to gain a great success, since "failure would prejudice his prospects for the next election."

The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says the note leaves the door open for friendly discussion. It is couched in conciliatory terms, he adds, and the questions as to the facts of the case and the legality of the submarine commander's act may be discussed calmly and objectively.

SWEDEN TO HOLD UP PARCEL POST MAIL

Berlin, Dec. 24, by Wireless to Sayville.—Advices from Stockholm report that, in pursuance of the Swedish government's decision to hold up parcel post packages passing through Sweden to the removal of the British authorities from steamships of packages for Sweden, 10,000 parcels from England for Russia are now being held at Gothenburg. At Haparanda, it is said, 2,500 packages are being detained.

JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA OPENS IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Jewish Chautauqua Society opened here today for a week's session with several hundred delegates from various parts of the country in attendance.

U. S. MISSIONARY IN JAPAN DIES

Boston, Dec. 24.—The receipt of a cablegram from Japan bringing word of the death of Mrs. Sarah E. DeForest, for 41 years a missionary of the American board of commerce for foreign missions, was announced by the board today. Mrs. DeForest was the widow of Rev. Dr. John H. DeForest, for many years one of the leading missionaries in Japan.

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TEDDY ROOSEVELT MICHIGAN NOMINEE

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 24.—Petitions to place the name of Theodore Roosevelt on the presidential primary ballot in Michigan as candidate of the national Progressive party were filed today with the secretary of state. Most of the signatures were obtained in Detroit.

It is understood that former Progressives who have returned to the Republican party are giving impetus to the movement to have Colonel Roosevelt's name also placed on the Republican ballot.

CHICAGO SHROUDED IN DENSE DARKNESS

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chicago was blanketed today in a fog so dense that street lights were turned on, locomotive and street car headlights were necessary and office buildings were ablaze with light. Surface and elevated trains moved slowly and many workers were late at their places of employment. At 8:30 in the morning the darkness was particularly noticeable.

PIANO DEALER IS GUILTY OF FORGERY

Newark, Ohio, Dec. 24.—After being out all night, a jury in common pleas court today returned a verdict of guilty in the case of A. L. Rawlins, a former prominent business man of the city.

Rawlins, who formerly conducted a large piano house, was charged with the forgery of notes aggregating \$250,000. His creditors included firms in cities throughout the country. Sentence was deferred.

N. Y. INVESTMENT COMPANY DISSOLVES

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Cicero De Pastoro Investment company of New York, filed a certificate of dissolution with the secretary of state today. The company's authorized capital was \$1,000,000 and its object was to build and operate railroads.

Among the stockholders were F. W. Vanderbilt, J. P. Morgan, the estate of J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry C. Frick, Ogden Mills, Phoebe Hearst and Florence A. V. Twombly.

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